

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Support for amended Claim 1 and 7 can be found in paragraphs [0016]-[0018], including the disclosure at paragraph [0016] that “Z¹ in formula (I) is a residue produced by reacting with the carbanion compound,” taken together with the disclosure at paragraphs [0016] and [0018] that preferable carbanion compounds include compounds represented by formula (II), which may include an alkyl group. Claims 6, 8, 9, 11-14 and 21 have been amended to correct spelling errors and various informalities. Claim 26 has been added corresponding to Claim 12 except for depending on Claim 7. Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested, Claims 1-26 will be pending.

I. Response to Objections to the Specification

(A) The title of the invention has been objected to.

The title has been amended to be more descriptive. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

(B) The disclosure has been objected to because of spelling errors.

The disclosure has been amended to correct spelling errors. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Response to Claim Objections

(A). Claims 6, 8, 9, 11 and 13 are objected to because each claim contains spelling errors.

Claims 6, 8, 9, 11 and 13 have been amended to correct spelling errors. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

(B). Claims 1, 7, 12, 14 and 21 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1, 7, 12, 14 and 21 have been amended to correct various informalities. With respect to Claims 1 and 7 in particular, Applicants note that the “alkaline earth metal” in Claims 1 and 7 is a bivalent metal and can bond to at most two chemical groups. The “alkaline earth metal” in Claims 1 and 7 makes one bond with “Poly” in the formula (I) and can make another bond. If the “alkaline earth metal” in Claims 1 and 7 makes another bond with Cl, Br or the like, Z¹ may be called as an alkaline earth metal salt. On the other hand if the “alkaline earth metal” in Claims 1 and 7 makes another bond with an alkyl group, Z¹ may be called an alkaline earth metal alkyl group. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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